

Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision

THEME

The theme of this alternative is to manage for non-timber uses the areas recommended in the revised Southeast Conference Proposal (revised 2/2/1990). All other areas would continue with the land use, resource, and activity, and management direction of the current Tongass Land Management Plan (as approved in 1979 and amended in 1988).

ALTERNATIVE G

Direction Common to All Management Areas
All management areas provide for the continuation of resource use to subsistence and traditional surface transportation by rural residents.
All management areas provide for mineral exploration and development with all appropriate safety, health, and environmental standards.
All management areas provide for the continuation of the Tongass National Forest System's multiple use management.

Management Area Prescription	ACRES ALLOCATED
RECOMMENDED AND EXISTING WILDERNESS/NATURAL MONUMENTS	
RM - Recommended Wilderness - Maintain inherent wilderness characteristics by excluding all commercial, industrial, and agricultural uses. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	0
WM - Wilderness - Manage for the preservation of areas essentially unaffected by human use that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and scientific, educational, and historic values. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	3,373,509 1/
WN - Wilderness National Monument - Manage for the Wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Wrangell Island National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and to protect scientific, educational, cultural, geological, historical, prehistoric, and aesthetic values. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited.	3,086,446 2/
NW - Non-Wilderness National Monument - Manage the non-wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Wrangell Island National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and to protect scientific, educational, cultural, geological, historical, prehistoric, and aesthetic values. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited.	163,933
RA - Research Natural Area - Manage areas for research and education and/or natural beauty. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited.	63,342 1/2/
PR - Primitive Recreation - Provide recreation opportunities and appearance outside Wilderness in unmodified natural environments where interaction with timber harvest is not a significant factor. Timber harvesting is limited to protect and enhance control. Roads are absent.	3,756,332
WM - Limited Multiple-Use Watershed - Manage limited multiple watershed areas to meet State Water Quality Standards for domestic use. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	6,733
OG - Old-Growth Habitat - Maintain old-growth habitat in its natural condition and to provide for research and education. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited.	526,750
SP - Semi-Primitive Recreation - Provide recreational and non-recreational opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	555,325
EF - Experimental Forests - Manage to provide a variety of long-term opportunities for forest research and demonstration. Timber harvesting will occur only for these purposes and will be managed to meet research objectives.	17,169
SV - Scenic Viewshed - Manage activities so they are not obvious when the landscape is viewed from designated scenic points. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	135,898 (29,288) 4/
VT - Visual-Timber - Emphasize maintaining scenic quality. Timber harvesting and roads are permitted when meeting visual quality objectives of the area.	329,582 (97,170) 4/
RN - Rugged Natural/Rural Recreation - Provide recreational opportunities associated with motorized and non-motorized activities. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	173,476 (13,061) 4/
TM - Timber Production - Manage the area to maintain and promote industrial and production. These lands will be managed for timber production. Roads are permitted.	3,282,103 (24,319) 4/
WM - Minerals - Encourage the exploration and development of mineral resources in areas that are not otherwise managed for timber production. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.	28,613 3/
Non-National Forest	

NOT MAPPED DUE TO SCALE

BF - Beach Fringe and Estuary - Manage for natural beach fringe and estuary habitat, including adjacent riparian and old-growth habitat. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.

SL - Stream and Lake Protection - 4/ - Maintain or enhance fish and other riparian-dependent resources. Timber harvesting is allowed where it is compatible with protection of riparian-dependent resources. Roads will be located outside the area to the extent practicable.

SA - Special Areas - Provide for the inventory, maintenance, interpretation, and protection of areas with archaeological, historical, scientific, or other values. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.

Number of River Segment/Flow of River

WR - Wild River - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable features of river segments which qualify the river to be designated a Scenic River. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.

SR - Scenic River - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable features of river segments which qualify the river to be designated a Scenic River. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.

RR - Recreation River - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable features of river segments which qualify the river to be designated a Recreation River. Timber harvesting and other management activities are prohibited. Existing areas in these areas may continue to harvest timber.

1/ - Within WM-Wilderness, there are 30,000 acres of RA-Research Natural Area and 22,000 acres of SP-Semi-Primitive Recreation.

2/ - Within WN-Wilderness National Monument, there are 85,000 acres of RA-Research Natural Area and 10,000 acres of SP-Semi-Primitive Recreation.

3/ - Total forest acreage for all alternatives is 17,000,745, 1,000,000 less than the total acreage of the Tongass National Forest.

4/ - Source: USFS, Moderate and Intensive Development Effects.

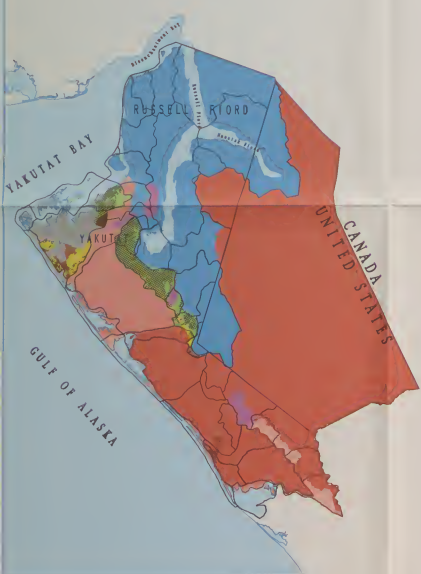
5/ - See Appendix 5 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for specific locations.

6/ - 1/3 acre available for timber harvest.

NOTE: For more detailed description of Management Area Prescriptions, refer to Appendix 1 and 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan.

Approximate location of lands considered for timber harvest in this alternative.

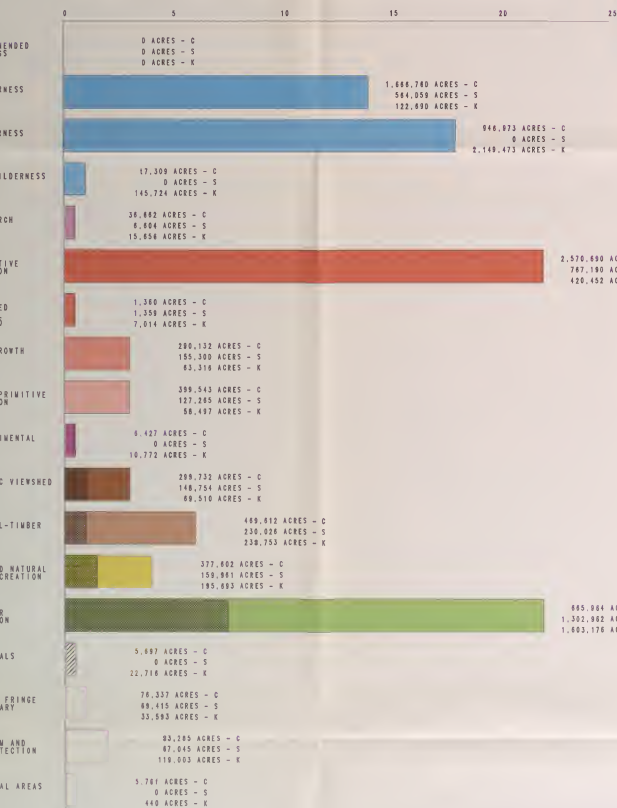
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VICINITY MAP



PERCENT OF TOTAL FOREST IN EACH PRESCRIPTION



There are no Wild, Scenic, or Recreation Rivers proposed.



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SCALE 1:500,000

CREATED USING MAP 146-AML

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